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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 23, 2001

JOINT APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

f/k/a BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

and

CASE NO. PUC000204

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

To expand local calling
between various exchanges.

THIRD ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPLEMENT EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING IN PART

Pursuant to the Commission's Order Prescribing Notice and Authorization to Implement Expanded Local Calling In Part, issued on August 28, 2000,¹ Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") and Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Joint Applicants") filed their third Joint Application to Expand Local Calling In Part on January 31, 2001 (hereinafter "third Joint Application"). This third Joint Application proposes to implement phase three of their expanded local calling plan ("ELCP") which involves exchanges located primarily in the Culpeper and Lynchburg LATAs and in southwest Virginia. Joint Applicants identify the routes

¹ Phased implementation of expanded local calling is in satisfaction of a condition of this Commission's approval of Joint Applicants' merger, ordered November 29, 1999, in Case No. PUC990100.

that will be implemented in phase three in Attachment A and Attachment B (amended February 15, 2001) to the third Joint Application. For ease of reference, both attachments are incorporated into this Order by reference and attachment. Joint Applicants propose that all routes for expanded local calling between the affected exchanges be reciprocal. The routes proposed for implementation by Verizon Virginia are shown in Attachment A to this Order, and the routes proposed for implementation by Verizon South are shown in Attachment B to this Order.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the third Joint Application and applicable law, finds that Verizon Virginia should implement the third phase of its proposed ELCP for all routes as set out in Attachment A of the third Joint Application in the manner described therein.

The Commission finds that Verizon South should implement the third phase of its proposed ELCP for all routes identified in Attachment B of the third Joint Application except for routes originating from Bluefield, Dwight, Oakwood, Pocahontas, Rocky Gap, Allwood, Amherst, Appomattox, Gladstone, Pamplin, Chancellor, King George, Grundy, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges. The Commission finds that customers served in these

exchanges which would be billed in a higher rate group² upon implementation of the proposed ELCP should first receive notice and an opportunity to comment or request a hearing on whether to implement the expanded calling.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia shall implement the third phase of the ELCP set out in Attachment A of the third Joint Application (attached hereto).

(2) Verizon South shall implement the third phase of the ELCP for routes set out in Attachment B of the third Joint Application (attached hereto) except for routes originating from Bluefield, Dwight, Oakwood, Pocahontas, Rocky Gap, Allwood, Amherst, Appomattox, Gladstone, Pamplin, Chancellor, King George, Grundy, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges.

(3) A copy of this Order and the third Joint Application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before March 30, 2001, Verizon South shall directly mail a notice to each customer served in Bluefield, Dwight, Oakwood, Pocahontas, Rocky Gap, Allwood, Amherst,

² The rate group increases in Grundy, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges would only impact optional local calling plan customers.

Appomattox, Gladstone, Pamplin, Chancellor, King George, Grundy, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges separately addressing the expanded local calling for each applicable exchange and detailing the basic monthly rate increase proposed. However, the form of this notice should first be reviewed by the Division of Communications. At a minimum, the notice should address the specific expanded local calling for the customer's exchange and contain the following:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY VERIZON SOUTH INC.
f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED TO IMPLEMENT
EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING BETWEEN CERTAIN
ADJACENT EXCHANGES

On January 31, 2001, Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") filed a joint application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to implement additional expanded local calling routes as ordered by the Commission in approving the merger of GTE South Incorporated with Bell Atlantic Virginia, Inc. (now Verizon South Inc. and Verizon Virginia Inc.).

Implementation of the expanded local calling to the adjacent exchanges will cause local monthly rates to increase, but this increase may be offset by the elimination of current long distance charges between the affected exchanges.

Accompanying this notice is an explanation of how your local exchange rates may increase, a notice showing your exchange's current and proposed new calling area, and your exchange's current rates and proposed new rates.

Any customer wishing to comment on the proposed implementation of the expanded

local calling routes or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such comments or requests for hearing in writing with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, Post Office Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, on or before April 30, 2001. Any such filing should refer to Case No. PUC000204 and include the customer's telephone number and originating exchange. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-200, and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any such comments or requests for hearing. Individuals may file single copies of comments or requests for hearing.

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

(5) On or before April 16, 2001, Joint Applicants shall furnish proof of the notice given as prescribed herein.

(6) On or before April 30, 2001, customers of Verizon South who may be affected by the expanded local calling in their exchange may file written comments or requests for hearing about the proposed additional expanded local calling routes with the Clerk of the Commission. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel according to Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments or requests for hearing on or before the deadline. Individuals may file single copies of comments and requests for hearing. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation

Commission, c/o Document Control Center, Post Office Box 2118,
Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUC000204.